

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

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3. (Previously presented) The stirrer as in claim 6, wherein said stirrer and said plurality of blades are made from stainless steel.

4. (Previously presented) The stirrer as in claim 6, wherein each of said plurality of blades has a rectangular flat shape.

5. (Currently amended) The stirrer as in claim 6, wherein each of said plurality of blades is integrally formed with said circular disc, each of said plurality of blades is inserted in an inclined way deviating ~~from the disc~~ about 40 to 50 degrees from where a radius of the disc intersects the blade ~~from said axial axis~~ in a counter clockwise direction relative to said shank.

6. (Currently amended) An improved stirrer, comprising:
a circular disc having an upper surface and a lower surface, a central bore in an axial direction, and a plurality of peripheral angled blade-receiving slits;

a shank having a first end and a second, wherein said second end extends ~~extending~~ through said central bore to said lower surface and is attached to said circular disc;

a plurality of blades each fixedly disposed within a corresponding blade-receiving slit and configured and dimensioned to extend beyond said upper and said lower circular disc surfaces in said axial direction, as well as extending outwardly in said peripheral direction away from the disc,

whereby a liquid that is stirred by the stirrer enters from gaps between two adjacent blades around the circular disc and discharges upwardly away from the circular disc.